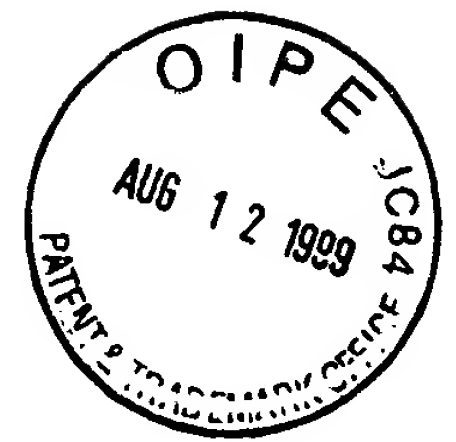


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Sir:

COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, appended hereto is a copy of the Preliminary Examination Report in English. A copy of this report in German was previously filed.

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